

### III. REMARKS

1. Claims 1-6, 8-16, and 18-20 remain in the application. Claims 7 and 17 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-5, 8, 9, 11-15, 18, and 19 have been amended. Support for the amendments may be found in the specification, for example, on page 5, lines 7-27.

The amendments to the claims do not raise issues of estoppel.

2. Claims 2 and 3 have been amended to overcome the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejection.

3. Claims 1-5, 8, 9, 11-15, 18, and 19 have been amended to overcome the 35 USC 112, first paragraph rejection. The claims have been amended to include all essential elements, in particular those shown in Figure 3 and described in the specification on page 3.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-6, 8-16, and 18-20 are in condition for allowance.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

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